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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KREPS' TRIP TO THE U.S.S.R.

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1. SECRETARY KREPS DURING THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN LOS ANGELES ACCEPTED FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV'S SPECIFIC INVITATION TO VISIT THE U.S.S.R. IN THE SPRING OF 1978. ALTHOUGH PATOLICHEV MENTIONED LATE MAY AS THE MOST DESIRABLE TIME FOR THE VISIT, SECRETARY KREPS DID NOT COMMIT HERSELF TO A SPECIFIC TIME.

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2. SINCE HER CONVERSATION WITH PATOLICHEV, THE SECRETARY HAS CONSIDERED COMBINING HER U.S.S.R. TRIP WITH A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO VISIT BERLIN ON APRIL 13. SHE IS AT PRESENT EXAMINING SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR HER ITINERARY. THE ONE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED MOST VIABLE ENVISAGES THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 15: A.M. DEPART BERLIN FOR MOSCOW BY U.S. GOVERNMENT PLANE.

SUNDAY/MONDAY, APRIL 16-17: MOSCOW

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: P.M. DEPART MOSCOW FOR LENINGRAD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: LATE P.M. DEPART LENINGRAD FOR LONDON.

3. WHILE BEWT WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SECRETARY'S VISIT OCCUR DURING STANKI II, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT AN ITINERARY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE STANKI ATTENDANCE WITHOUT CUTTING SHORT HER TOTAL STAY IN SOVIET UNION TO THREE DAYS OR LESS.

4. AMONG THE SECRETARY'S ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.S.R. WE ENVISAGE CALLS ON PATOLICHEV, V.N. NOVIKOV, KIRILLIN ALKHIMOV, AND POSSIBLY ALSO BAYBAKOV (GOSPLAN) AND GUZHENKO, TOUR OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE, MEETING WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND U.S. JOURNALISTS.

5. WHILE SECRETARY KREPS WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS HER PLANS WITH AMBASSADOR TOON HERE, DURING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24 WE WOULD WELCOME AT THIS TIME THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS OF THE ABOVE ITINERARY AS WELL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SECRETARY'S ACTIVITIES VANCE

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